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FRENCH HOLD SHAKEN BY EXPLODING MINES

Germans Attack First-Line Positions Along Somme and Take Prisoners.

HIGHROAD RETAKEN

Rumanians Also Reoccupy Lost Positions—Bulgarians Are Across Danube.

By United Press
LONDON, Dec. 11.—The Allied forces have intercepted a wireless message showing efforts on the part of King Constantine of Greece to communicate with Berlin, a Reuters dispatch said late this afternoon.

The dispatch said the ultimatum served on King Constantine by the Allies is severely brief and probably demands complete demobilization of the Greek army, installation of a censorship and control of all railroad lines under Allied hands.

Greek Concessions to Allies Cease.

By United Press
BERLIN, Dec. 11.—Sofia, capital of Bulgaria, is now in wireless communication with Athens, according to an Athens newspaper. The Greek government has announced that hereafter Greece will observe armed neutrality, will not make any more concessions to the Allies and will consider any other demands by them as cause for the declaration of war.

By United Press
BERLIN, Dec. 11.—Destruction of "parts of French positions" by extensive mine explosions near Champagne and near Vauquois in the Argonne was reported in today's official statement. On the eastern bank of the Meuse, the statement said, the Germans heavy cannon was active in firing against the first line trenches and batteries. Artillery activity increased along both sides of the Somme this morning, this evening's report stated. The same sort of enemy attack was reported from northwest of Rheims.

Despite a pouring rain, a soaked soil and destruction of bridges, the Teutons' armies proceeded as planned, the statement said. In Rumania, pursuit of Rumanian forces was in some places attended by strong resistance. German forces took several thousand additional prisoners.

Rumanians Retake Lost Positions.

By United Press
PETROGRAD, Dec. 11.—By vigorous counter-attacks, Rumanian forces have won back positions along the highroad from Ploesti to Mizila which they lost to the enemy on Saturday, today's official statement asserted. The Teutonic attack of Saturday pressed the Rumanians back, but early Sunday the counter-attacks began. The battle along this line was still in progress this afternoon. In Dobruja, the statement detailed fighting along the Danube.

Bulgarians Are Across Danube.

By United Press
SOFIA, Dec. 11.—The capture of the west bridgehead at Cernavoda was announced in today's official report. Cernavoda is on the lower Danube and is an important railroad junction on the line between Constantza and Bucharest. The western bridgehead, which was held by the Russians, lies on the far side of the river and is in the province of Thracia. The eastern bridgehead is in Dobruja. The Bulgarian forces crossed the Danube into Rumania and captured the city of Kalapasi.

M. U. GIRLS TO RECEIVE IN K. C.

Former and Present Coeds Will be in Line New Year's Day.
Former and present Missouri coeds who will be in Kansas City January 1 will receive from 2 o'clock until 5 o'clock on New Year's Day at the Elmsmere Hotel, Linwood boulevard and Troost avenue.

The Missouri Alumnae Association hopes to make this function an annual affair. In former years various groups of University girls have entertained, but never has the reunion been comparable to the "Cabaret Open House" given last year. For those who did not dance there was a special program of music and dancing furnished by former Missouri theatrical stars. This year Robert Lake has charge of a similar program. Miss Marguerite McGowan, a former student in the School of Journalism, is now in Columbia in behalf of the Missouri Alumnae Association to sign up all Kansas City girls for New Year's afternoon.

THE CALENDAR

Dec. 1-16—Landscape Design Exhibit, Faculty Room (107) University Library Building.
Dec. 11.—Recital by Fanny May Ross, pianist, and Josephine Barlow, reader, in Stephens College Auditorium at 8:15. The public is invited.
Dec. 13.—Interpretative recital, "Othello," Christian College, 8:15 p. m.
Dec. 14.—Cecil Fanning concert, Phi Mu Alpha series, University Auditorium at 8:15 o'clock.
Dec. 15.—Yellowstone National Park Travelogue at 7:30 p. m. in the University Auditorium by Charles Norton Hunt.
Dec. 16.—"The Magistrate" by Pinero at 8:15 p. m. in the University Auditorium.
Dec. 19.—Concert by the University Cadet Band at 7:30 p. m. in the University Auditorium.
Dec. 21.—Christmas holidays begin at 4:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon.
Jan. 3.—Christmas holidays end at 8 a. m. Wednesday.

MAY BETTER MARKETS

By Eliminating Waste, Agricultural Experts Hope to Reduce Living Costs.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The United States must effect a change in its marketing if it would have relief from the high prices, experts of the Department of Agriculture asserted today. While the Department of Justice continues to develop food price investigations, the Department of Agriculture is working on methods of improving the market conditions.

Taking a leaf from Europe experts of the Department of Agriculture hope to present comprehensive plans whereby every city can improve its present methods. They seek to eliminate much of the waste, to chop out some of the middle-man's profits and by proper organization to save pennies now being lost.

The Department of Justice experts want a new law to deal with food prices, complaining that they find the present law not entirely adequate for their purpose. Hence they expect to ask Congress to pass a more flexible and usable measure. Federal District Attorney Anderson expected to confer with President Wilson, preliminary to starting for Cleveland, Chicago and Detroit, where he will take a prominent part in the federal investigations already under way.

Eggs, butter and poultry prices fell again in Columbia today, while oleomargarine prices are rising. Eggs are selling in Columbia for 30 cents a dozen, 10 cents lower than Friday's quotation. The produce dealers are paying 25 cents to the producers, but the grocery stores pay 30 cents. The fall in price does not mean that the hen strike has been called off, for there has not been any increase in production. One of the dealers said that the placing of more cold storage eggs on the market caused the drop.

Poultry prices are about 4 cents a pound lower than last week. Eggs are so high and chickens so cheap that not much poultry is being sold. Many producers are probably planning to profit by the high price of eggs as soon as their hens start laying.

Country butter is retailing at 35 cents a pound; the producer receives 30 cents. The decrease in the production of butter was accompanied by a marked increase in the sale of oleomargarine. The increased demand brought higher prices. In the last ten days the prices have advanced twice and it is now selling at 30 cents a pound and \$1.15 in five-pound packages for the uncolored variety.

CORPORATION FAVORS DENIED

Supreme Court Decides Railroads Need Not Furnish Special Cars.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—In deciding the tank car case, the Supreme Court today held that the Interstate Commerce Commission has not power to order railroads to furnish special types of cars to corporations using their lines. The Government today dropped prosecution of John B. Billard, James S. Elton and William Skinner in the New Haven cases in New York. Government attorneys asked the Supreme Court to dismiss the Government's appeal.

Ed Morris Injured In Accident.

Ed Morris of the Morris Taxicab Company, returning with a party from Rochepoint in the snow storm last night, lost the road and drove his car over an embankment. The accident occurred this side of the Luther farm, a few miles out of Columbia. Mr. Morris received a bruised shoulder. None of the others was injured and the damage to the car was slight.

ENGLAND IS CHANGED UNDER LLOYD-GEORGE

Liberalism Gets Upper Hand as Old Shell of Conservatism Is Cracked.

APPROVAL IS WIDE

Country Is Looking Forward Now, United Press Correspondent Writes.

By ED L. KEEN
United Press Special Correspondent.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The energizing forces of Lloyd-George's magic touch in five days have electrified the British nation. While the new war director has been forced to bed with a chill, brought on by a fortnight of hard work, London is today in a fever of enthusiasm.

That the most cursed and respected figure in the last half century of British politics is to have the full force of the British nation behind him in whatever he does, not only in the presence of the nation but in the face of every man, woman and street urchin, is now evident. The seemingly impossible has been accomplished. The hard shell of British conservatism has been cracked. Veneration and precedent have been thrust aside, and the thing which "is done" has come into the nation's attention.

For the first time since August, 1914, John Bull is looking forward, not stumbling along with his glance backward over his shoulder. While the German press is referring with contempt to the new British "dictator," Englishmen, even strong Conservatives, are justifying the new developments of "Democracy's greatest triumph of the century." Moreover, it is apparent that Lloyd-George is no man's man but his own.

Charges of newspapers antagonistic to the Weichmann that he was the mere tool of Lord Northcliffe have been victoriously disputed by Lloyd-George's choice of two men in his ministry who have been bitterly attacked by Northcliffe's newspaper. They are Arthur J. Balfour and Lord Robert Cecil.

New Cabinet In France, Too.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Premier Briand has begun the formation of a new French cabinet. Ambassador Sharp cabled to the State Department this afternoon. An earlier cable said Briand had tendered his resignation to President Poincaré and that it had been refused. The later message from Sharpe read "Premier Briand is reorganizing the cabinet. I was misinformed regarding his resignation."

FANNING HERE TUESDAY NIGHT

Noted Baritone Will Sing Under Auspices of Phi Mu Alpha.

An attractive and comprehensive program will be given Thursday night by Cecil Fanning, the baritone of American, European and Canadian fame who is coming here under the auspices of Phi Mu Alpha. The program will be as follows:

Air from "Orfeo" (1897) Monteverde
Air from "Richard Coeur de Lion" (1784) Gretry
"Frühlingsschöne" Schubert
"Auftrag" (L'Eger) Schumann
"Der Nussbaum" (Mosen) Schumann
"Der Erlkönig" (Goethe) Loewe
"Springtime" (Vigne) Grieg
"Kidd-dance" (Garborg) Grieg
"Eros" (Benzon) Grieg

FOLK SONGS

"Le Petit Bois d'Armour" Old French
"Le Cygne du Vin" Old French
"The Last Word" (Dance Song) Cecelia E. Bailey

"A Sicilian Spring" (Poem by Cecil Fanning) Francis Hendricks
Written for Mr. Fanning and Mr. Turpin

"The Last Leaf" (Oliver Wendell Holmes) Sidney Homer
"Heart Sorrows" (Fred G. Bowles) Wilson G. Smith
"The Sands of Dee" (Charles Kingsley) Frederick Clay
"The Bird Song" (The Vicar of Wakefield) Lisa Lehmann

Tuesday Club to Hear Lecture.

The weekly meeting of the Tuesday Club will be held in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Miss Fannie Mae Morris of the faculty of music at Stephens College will preside. Slides will be shown illustrating a lecture on "The World's Symphony" by Miss Ross. Each member has the privilege of bringing one guest.

Missourians Lose at Football.

In a football game Saturday afternoon at Laredo, Tex., the Missouri National Guard were defeated by the Second Texas Infantry 13 to 0. More than 3,000 saw the game.

"FRIENDLY PROTEST" ANSWERED BY GERMANS

Says That Movement of Belgians Is In Order With International Law.

NOT A CONCESSION

Berlin Admits, However, the Whole Effect Will Be for Good.

By United Press

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—Germany's reply to the "friendly protest" of America against the transportation of Belgians into Germany was handed to Secretary Grew by Foreign Secretary Zimmermann this afternoon. It was immediately cabled to Washington. It is understood that, while Germany does not concede all the American representations, the whole effect of the protest will be good. The statement follows in part:

"The Swiss minister at Berlin informed the German chancellor that rumors of trouble in the transportation of Belgians into Germany had impressed the Swiss population. Therefore information giving to the Swiss government the facts and correct aspects of the case was furnished the Swiss government.

"The Belgian government through the Spanish embassy in Berlin, which is charged with the representation of Belgium here, protested against the transportation of Belgian workmen into Germany and their employment in work. The protest was declined. An order of the governor general at Brussels May 15 last, punished with imprisonment those men who refused to accept work in their vocations and selected for them according to their ability. That is by no means contrary to international law since paragraph forty-three of the Hague Land War Order obliges the power in control to maintain public order, and if public laws are insufficient for this purpose, to issue additional orders.

"The publication of the order without doubt implied that able-bodied persons should not impose themselves on public charity. Since work was scarce in Belgium, a large number of Belgian workmen applied for work in Germany. Others were naturally treated with the order of the governor general.

Replies To Submarine Inquiry.

By United Press
BERLIN, Dec. 11.—Germany delivered to Joseph C. Grew, secretary of the Embassy, today its reply to the American inquiry relative to the sinking of the steamer Lano. Grew expects to deliver to the German foreign office today the inquiry received from Washington as to the sinking of Norwegian vessels.

CITY LETTERS 1 CENT, MAYBE

New Bill In Congress Would Decrease Postage.

A letter may be sent first-class for one cent within the city limits of Columbia, or any other city, and the big mail order catalogs will be charged from 2 to 8 cents a pound postage, if the bill that is now up for consideration, is passed by Congress.

The annual postoffice appropriation bill has been completed in the committee department, and the measure carries appropriations totaling \$327,000,000. A zone rate for newspapers and magazines, which are now paying a flat rate of one cent a pound is regarded as one of the most radical changes in postage rates in years.

The country will be divided into eight zones with rates ranging from one cent for 300 miles to six cents for 1,800 miles. If papers do not circulate over 300 miles they will not be materially affected by the proposed change.

The bill gives to the Postmaster-General greater authority over lotteries and all other matters pertaining to a misuse of the mails. The rural appropriation of \$53,000,000 was recommended by Assistant Postmaster-General Blakeslee.

I. S. GRIFFITH WRITES OF HOME

Associate Professor of Manual Arts Was Article In Magazine.

The December American Carpenter and Builder contains an article by I. S. Griffith, associate professor of manual arts in the University, on "How a Manual Arts Man Builds a Home." It is a description of Mr. Griffith's new home on Bridge Terrace. Six photographic views are included in the four pages covered by the article.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and Vicinity: Snow surges this afternoon, partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; much colder tonight—temperature to about 16, moderating Tuesday afternoon.

For Missouri: Partly cloudy and colder tonight. Tuesday generally fair and somewhat warmer.

Weather Conditions.

An atmospheric disturbance developed in the Upper Missouri Valley during Saturday, and moved eastward crossing the Mississippi River last night. It is central this morning in Illinois, but dominates the weather more or less from and including Iowa and Missouri eastward to the Atlantic.

Snow has been quite general, although not very heavy, in Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, and in the upper Missouri and Mississippi drainage areas, while it has rained eastward in parts of the lower Ohio Valley, Tennessee, and North Carolina.

A cold wave of marked severity is sweeping southeast from the Rocky Mountains over Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona; freezing weather extends well into Mexico.

In Columbia snow surges will likely prevail during the first part of the next twenty-four hours, followed by clearing tonight or Tuesday. The weather will be cold until Wednesday.

Local Data.

The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 38, and the lowest last night was 30; precipitation, 0.01; relative humidity 2 p. m. yesterday, 42 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 45, and the lowest 35; precipitation, .03.

The Almanac.

Sun rose today, 7:18 a. m. Sun sets, 4:47 p. m.

Moon rises, 6:44 p. m.

The Temperatures Today.

7 a. m. 30 11 a. m. 27

8 a. m. 29 12 m. 26

9 a. m. 28 1 p. m. 25

10 a. m. 28 2 p. m. 24

"M. V. BOURBON" GETS DECISION

Boone County Man Must Pay \$18 For 12 Quarts of Whisky.

That a man is just as duty bound to pay for "M. V. Bourbon Whisky," as he is for shoes, clothing or food was the opinion of a jury, in the suit of The Herzog Co. of Toledo, Ohio, against S. D. Crews, a former Columbia resident, held in the justice court of D. W. B. Kirtz Saturday afternoon.

It was claimed that in 1913 The Herzog Company had a man in Columbia soliciting orders for liquor. The defendant, S. D. Crews, who was then proprietor of the livery stable at Seventh and Walnut but who is now a farmer living near Hallsville, placed an order with the solicitor for twelve quarts of "M. V. Bourbon XXXXX" but claims that he never received the order. On December 12 of the same year he again ordered the same amount of the same kind of whisky and he claims that the order arrived but when he opened the box there were four bottles missing. He paid for neither order.

W. H. Sapp, attorney for the defense, defended his client on the grounds that the liquor was sold in violation of the law. E. C. Anderson, for the plaintiff, was unable to find any record of the first shipment either at Toledo or Columbia. It was decided that the defendant would have to pay for the last order, which amounted to \$18.

CHRISTMAS RUSH IS BEGINNING

Clerks in Local Stores Report That Women Are Early Buyers.

Not unavailing is the "Shop Early" campaign in Columbia, for as soon as the Thanksgiving holiday was over the prospective givers of Christmas gifts began making the rounds of the stores. Now the salespeople find themselves advising or listening to complaints upon the subject of the present for Father, Mother, Johnny or Sister Sue, for the annual season of frenzied finance is now open to rich and poor.

Staple goods rather than specialties are going first, say the men in the stores. The first buyers are usually those who have methodically made out their lists and who have decided upon the various gifts. Almost without exception the present-buyers are women, and one dealer says that practically all the buying men do is in the week before Christmas.

QUAKER OATS PLANT BURNS

Loss at Peterboro, Canada, Is Two Million Dollars.

By United Press
PETERBORO, Ontario, Canada, Dec. 11.—Three persons dead, seventeen injured and the almost total destruction of the Quaker Oats Company plant, with property damage of \$2,000,000 is the summary at 2 o'clock this afternoon of the losses in one of the most disastrous fires in the history of this section of the country. The county courthouse at that hour was on fire and may be totally destroyed.

\$16,000 Bank Robbery in Oklahoma.

By United Press
VINETA, Okla., Dec. 11.—This afternoon four masked bandits locked J. S. Martin, cashier of the Farmers' State Bank, in the vault, placed \$16,000 in currency in bags and left the city in an automobile. A posse is in pursuit.

11 MONTHS OF SCHOOL IS APPROVED BY M. V. C.

M.U.'s Summer Session Plans Adopted by the Seven Valley Institutions.

TO HAVE FOUR TERMS

Would Mean No Material Change at Missouri, Says President Hill.

An all-year session for the seven institutions of higher learning in the Missouri Valley Conference was endorsed by a unanimous vote of the delegates of the conference at their fifth annual meeting in Kansas City last Saturday. They expect to submit the plan to the governing boards of the universities of the conference. The eleven months' school year is nothing more than the Missouri system of the winter and summer sessions, according to President A. Ross Hill, who returned yesterday from the conference.

The University of Missouri has had this summer session for several years and is a pioneer in the work in the Valley. The only change which is being suggested for the adoption of the plan by the Valley conference is the division of the school year into quarters—making the summer session the fourth quarter of the year.

The summer session of the University may be extended to include several of the schools not included in the work at the present time.

The University of Kansas, University of Nebraska, Drake University, Washington University, Iowa State College, Kansas State Agricultural College and the University of Missouri are the schools which may adopt the new school year plan.

In an interview in Sunday's Kansas City Star, H. J. Waters, president of Kansas State Agricultural College, gave a few of the reasons for adopting the new plan. "Colleges and universities in the United States today represent an investment of half a billion dollars," he said. "A third of a million students attend these institutions. Under the present system the schools are closed sixteen weeks in the year, making an enormous loss to both students and institutions."

"The belief that it is harder for students to study in summer than in other seasons is unfounded. Experiments have proved conclusively that the period of highest mental activity is in the spring and fall. The lowest is in winter. If colleges adopt the all-year session, it will immediately be accepted by high schools and grammar schools."

The conference elected H. M. Bell, president of Drake University, as president to succeed Doctor Waters. E. W. Stanton, vice-president of Iowa State College, was re-elected secretary.

CONFEDERATE VETERAN IS DEAD

George M. Wright of Near Hallsville Was Uncle of J. L. Henry.

George M. Wright, an old Boone County citizen, former Confederate veteran living eight miles east of Hallsville, died last night, after a long illness due to paralysis and other complications. He is survived by his wife, five sons, Garland, Leslie, Walter, Ansel, and Roger and two daughters, Mrs. John Chrisman and Mrs. William Younger. Mr. Wright was about 77 years old.

The funeral will be held at 11 o'clock tomorrow at Mount Zion church. Mr. Wright is an uncle of John L. Henry, recorder of Boone County.

8-HOUR CASE SET FOR JANUARY 8.

Enforcement of Adamson Law Will Await Court's Decision.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The United States Supreme Court will hear arguments in the Adamson Eight-Hour Law test case January 8. The Supreme Court set that date today, when Government lawyers asked that the case be expedited as much as possible. The Adamson law will go into effect New Year's Day. By agreement between railroad and Government attorneys the law will not be enforced until the Supreme Court hands down its opinion.

Two Marriage Licenses Issued.

Marriage licenses were issued today to Glenn W. Brown, 26, of Fairview, Okla., and Miss Nannie May Gray, 25, of Columbia; and to Fredie Bennett, 25, of Easley and Miss Chloia Sapp, 20, of Ashland.